

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Action mailed April 9, 2004 having a response period ending on June 9, 2004. This Amendment is filed within the response period.

Claims 1-5 and 12-16 are pending in this application. Claims 6-10 and 17-18 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended for clarity purposes. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claim 1 do not add new matter nor do they narrow the scope of the claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully request an early indication of the same.

Respectfully submitted,
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